PREPARING FOR A COVID UNIT/AREA

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PREPARE NOW!

- LOCATION
- SIZE OF UNIT / AREA
- EXPANSION OF UNIT / AREA
- STAFFING
- EQUIPMENT
- PPE
- CARING FOR THE RESIDENT
LOCATION

1. Recommend end of a hallway
2. Consider outside entrance
3. Factor in shared bathrooms
4. Consider Zip Walls
   • Double ZIP Wall to create antechamber
ADDITION OF “ZIP” WALLS

Demarcates area
Check with Fire Marshal
Easily removed
Can purchase from Home Depot
TRANSITION TABLE

- PLACED OUTSIDE COVID UNIT
- DROP OFF STATION
SIZE OF UNIT/AREA

- Allow for one room for COVID team
- Cohort COVID residents
- Consider where to place access point
- How would the unit expand?
STAFFING

Dedicated COVID team

Small unit/area
- Primary nursing
- 12 hour shifts
- 1 Nurse to 3 or 4 residents

Expanded unit -
- Hybrid primary/team nsg
- Nurse/CNA model
PPE

Extended Wear

Reusable

Containers for masks

N95s can be re-used 5 times
Computer – PCC/MARs/TARS

- Tablets
  - Nursing Staff
  - Residents
- Room Monitors

- TVs
COMMUNICATIONS

- Communicate about COVID unit with residents/staff/families
- Signage for unit
- Room monitors for small units
- Social media for residents
EQUIPMENT

• VITAL SIGN EQUIPMENT
  • THERMOMETERS
  • B/P CUFFS
  • STETHOSCOPES
  • PULSE OXIMETERS
  • DEDICATED TO EACH RESIDENT OR CLEAN BETWEEN RESIDENTS

• GAIT BELT

• OXYGEN CONCENTRATORS
  • ROUTINE
  • HIGH LITER FLOW
DINING

• DISPOSABLE DINNER WARE
• REFRIGERATORS TO STORE RESIDENT FOOD ITEMS
• DIETARY DELIVERS FOOD VIS TRANSITION TABLE
• COVID TEAM SERVES FOOD
• REFRIGERATOR FOR COVID TEAM’S FOOD USAGE
SPECIAL CARE NEEDS OF RESIDENT WITH COVID

- DROPLET/CONTACT PRECAUTIONS
- N 95 FOR COVID TEAM, IF AVAILABLE
- N 95 WITH AEROSOLIZED PROCEDURES
- VITAL SIGNS AT LEAST EVERY 4 HOURS, MORE OFTEN AS INDICATED
- ALERT CHARTING
- ADL CARE
  - RESTORATIVE NURSING PROGRAM
  - BED BATH EQUIPMENT
    - RSD DOES NOT LEAVE UNIT FOR SHOWERS
CARE PLANNING

- DISEASE SPECIFIC TO COVID 19
- INCLUDE ADDRESSING PSYCHOSOCIAL ISSUES RELATED TO ISOLATION
- PERSONALIZED ACTIVITY PROGRAM
EDUCATION

• COVID 19
• PPE
• INFECTION CONTROL
LAUNDRY

- STANDARD PRECAUTIONS
- VALIDATE KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS LAUNDRY TEAM
- TRANSPORT OF LINEN
  - CLEAN
  - DIRTY
  - WASH COVID TEAM’S SCRUBS
PALLIATIVE CARE

• EDUCATE TEAM ON END OF LIFE CHALLENGES WITH COVID 19
• HI LITER FLOW OXYGEN CONCENTRATORS
• MORPHINE/ATIVAN/ATROPINE – HAVE AVAILABLE
• VISITOR MANAGEMENT
  • DISCOURAGE “IN-PERSON” IF POSSIBLE
  • ARRANGE RESIDENT BY A WINDOW IF POSSIBLE
  • IF ESSENTIAL VISITORS ALLOWED, LIMIT TIME FOR VISIT AND AMOUNT OF VISITORS AT A TIME
  • EDUCATE ESSENTIAL VISITORS ON SERIOUS RISK OF CONTRACTING COVID FROM LOVED ONE
• ALL VISITORS SUBJECT TO SCREENING PROCESS
QUESTIONS